

REMARKS

Claims 4-17 are currently pending in this Application. Claims 4, 6, 7 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Minakuchi et al.* (US Patent 5,844,547). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest the features for selecting a first processing mode corresponding to a first point specified according to the result of detection by a detection device, and a second processing mode corresponding to the second point specified on the display panel while the first point is detected.

As stated in the Response dated September 22, 2003, the *Minakuchi et al.* reference relates to an apparatus for manipulating the display of an object on a display surface by sensing touching contacts on a touch panel. The reference teaches contacting one coordinate on the display surface to perform various manipulations such as scrolling and pushing the object on the display. The reference also teaches a “pick manipulation” in which an object is picked up at one position on the display surface and placed at another position. The pick manipulation is performed by contacting two sets of coordinates on the display panel, for example using a thumb and an index finger (col. 3, lines 55-62 and col. 4, lines 36-67). Thus, the *Minakuchi et al.* reference teaches using two sets of coordinates (X-Y) for performing the same operation.

In contrast, the present invention teaches that a first point, specified on the display panel, corresponds to one processing mode, and a second point, specified on the display panel, corresponds to another processing mode. In other words, the two points are used for two different functions, and not one as in *Minakuchi*. Independent claims 4, 6, 7, 10 and 15 recite that the “second processing mode” (or “second process”) is executed only when a first point is “actively detected” (or “remains indicated”) when the second point is detected. In contrast, *Minakuchi* only provides a single process that relies on a “continuous touch” determination made on a single point (see col. 3, lines 63-67; col. 4, lines 1-5). The two sets of coordinates disclosed in *Minakuchi* relate to the same “continuous touch” (see S4-S5, FIG. 5, col. 5, lines 24-36; col. 6, lines 33-35). Furthermore, *Minakuchi* teaches that additional processing is determined by contents of the display information table 1T, and not by the detection of a second point (col. 3,

lines 31-53; col. 4, lines 6-26; col. 6, lines 25-27). These features as now recited in independent claims 4, 6, 7, 10 and 15, and their respective dependent claims are not disclosed or suggested in the *Minakuchi* reference.

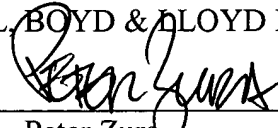
Similarly, claim 8 recites a coordinate position input apparatus including, among other things, features for outputting a coordinate data of a middle point when two points are simultaneously touched. The Office Action states that these features are disclosed in the *Minakuchi* reference for “conducting a manipulation in such a way that the object is pushed off its center.” The portion of the reference cited in the Office Action (col. 6, lines 38-42) describes an operation for performing a push-while rotate manipulation, which requires only a one touch position on the touch screen as shown in Fig. 8(b)-8(c). Further, the table in Fig. 8(c) only discloses one position on the screen display as indicated by a single coordinate X-Y. As such, the *Minakuchi* reference cannot output a coordinate data of a middle point “when two points are simultaneously touched” since only one point on the display screen is required to perform the intended object manipulation. For this reason, claim 8 and its dependent claim 9 are also allowable over *Minakuchi et al.*

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is allowable over the *Minakuchi et al.* reference. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC

BY


Peter Zura

Reg. No. 48,196

P.O. Box 1135

Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135

Phone: (312) 807-4208

Dated: February 9, 2004